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FEATURE STORY

MISSIONS

A convocation of the student body of Holy Cross Orthodox Theological School, Brookline, Mass. last November, Bishop Athanasios, Bishop of New England and of Canada, who is Dean of the School, gave a comprehensive presentation of the importance and major role played by Byzantine Church Fathers and the Byzantine Empire culture in serving as a link between the classical and modern worlds, as well as the source of much early Christian thinking itself.

This made such a profound impression on the student body that a movement was initiated to initiate a Missionary program, which would be based upon the zeal shown by the Holy Fathers and Apostles, and as shown in the days by the eminent work of the S.S. Cyril and Methodius.

Initiation of the Greek Orthodox Missionary Society of 'The Holy Cross' was the result of this movement. A Board of Directors was formed and a Constitution drawn up. Archbishop Michael extended his sanction upon the work and Bishop Athanasios was announced as the Director of the

At the first general assembly, the student body collected more than \$1000, and during the summer vacation period, an additional

\$1000 was collected. Proceeds from all the student functions will continue to increase this fund.

Among the initial steps in actual missionary work is the plan of aiding Orthodox Christians in Korea, the Phillipines and in Uganda, Africa. Two Korean youths will be given full scholarships to Holy Cross Theological School, so as to prepare for the Priesthood in their own land. In keeping with this, a \$250 check was sent to Fr. Boris Moon of the Korean Greek Orthodox Church for Easter, 1956.

It is anticipated that in due time a missionary station will be established in the Far East.

Turning from Orthodox Mission activity to that of other denominations, it is interesting to see the zeal and methods used by varying groups to carry their version of the Word of God to the peoples of the world and to see with what success they meet.

Dr. S.J. Patterson (Presbyterian) just returned from a tour of South America, Africa and of Europe, told of Protestant missionary work in these words: 'beyond anything I would have believed, if I had not seen it'. He stated missions had raised living standards in Belgian Congo to such a degree that 'no woman now needs to bear a child outside a hospital maternity ward'.

In Ibadan, Nigeria, in the meanwhile, 12000 del-

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es attending the 43rd meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Convention heard an appeal for African missionaries to be sent to Europe, America and Asia. 'We should send out witnesses to the transforming power of the Cross', said Rev. S.A. Lawoyin, president-general of the Commission.

Lutherans from India's All-Asia Conference reported some while ago that several important steps must be taken in mission work there - principal among these steps: Use of Modern communications, including radio; Greater efforts to follow Asian concepts of Christian life; Use of Sadhu (holy man) type of ministry; and carry the ministry of the Church to the people in the living modern language, as used by them.

Coach Don J. Odle, athletic director of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, told the National Ass'n of Evangelicals, at their annual meeting, of his experiences in the Orient with his star basketball teams. 'Because people in the Orient love basketball, some of the Christian missionaries asked us to visit Formosa and Korea, promising that between halves of each game we would be given a chance to present Christianity as a way of life. Some persons were critical. They called basketball an unorthodox approach. But if playing basketball is a means of getting the Gospel to those who never heard of it, we ought to play basketball.'

A Korean missionary tells how at the outbreak of the Korean conflict, when the American military authorities took charge of the prison at Seoul, they felt that they should provide the 600 criminals with some chaplains. A vote was taken to determine the religious preference

of the prisoners. They were offered a choice of Buddhist, Confucianist, Roman Catholic or Protestant chaplain. All but six voted for a Protestant minister. Upon inquiry as to the reason for the overwhelming choice, the reply was given 'We want religion with the Jesus song'.

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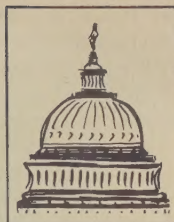
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CHURCH AND STATE



YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS TO FIGHT CLERGY influence on young people in Yugoslavia's Bosnia region by order of the Communist Party leaders in the Prijedor district. The campaign will be directed against Orthodox,

Catholic and Moslem. The clergy had been organizing recreational activities, choirs, religious classes, and revivals.

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METROPOLITAN ARSENIJE TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON according to reports circulated recently. The release is to take place after the close of the bishop's annual meeting, which opens May 28. Archbishop Arsenije is vice-president of the Serbian Orthodox Church's Holy Synod and was imprisoned in July of 1954 at Kotor on the South Adriatic Coast for 'plotting against the State'. He is 73 years old and has consistently maintained his complete innocence to the charges.

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ALL COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS EXERT VARYING DEGREES OF CONTROL OVER Church establishments, ministers and congregations within their boundaries, according to 'Primer on Communism' issued by the U.S. Information Agency. The 'Primer', based on some 1300 questions and answers most frequently asked by people of the Far East, aims at helping to answer questions on 'Communism and religion'. Among other points, it is of some interest to note that 'No clergyman may perform his duties without consent of the government, which must be obtained in advance.... The governments retain absolute control of the Church requiring a loyalty pledge.....and have the power to vacate a church post at any time....in Russia, the government has taken over all church property'.

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SPANISH AUTHORITIES SEIZE BIBLES at the Madrid offices of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Some 30,000 Bibles and devotional books were taken and the doors of the printing plant sealed shut by police. In keeping with this action, a leading Spanish Catholic church spokesman declared that the 'Protestant danger' in Spain is 'greater than ever'. Bishop Zacarias de Vizcarra said the 'dissidents' in Spain are being financially supported at present by 25 foreign Protestant societies, with some 477 preachers now active throughout the country.

In 1940, a similar action took place, with some 110,000 Bibles and other religious works being seized. - ED.

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NEW PAKISTAN CONSTITUTION CONTAINS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY GUARANTEES. After eight years of discussion by two successive constituent assemblies, the new charter was signed. Some 530,000 Christians are affected by this ruling. The preamble requires that 'adequate provision' be assured minorities 'freely to profess and practice their religion;' and that their 'legitimate interests' be safeguarded.

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IRAN CONTINUES TO BAR BAHAI WORSHIP, even though the Baha'i sect is the largest religious minority in Iran. In all, some 500,000 worshippers, all citizens of Iran, are forbidden to worship. The temples are all in government custody and the main temple is being used by the Military Governor of Teheran as an office building. Bahaism started as an offshoot of Islam, and the Moslems regard it as a heresy. Since its establishment in Iran in 1863, over 20,000 followers have been massacred in various outbreaks. The Baha'is read the scriptures of all revealed religions and recognize leaders as Moses, Christ and Muhammad as prophets. They advocate world peace and unity, universal education and equality for all men and women. They also teach that religious truth is relative, rather than absolute, and that divine revelation is continuous and progressive.

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PROSELYTIZING TO BE HALTED IN GREECE by foreign Churches. The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Greek government are planning drastic measures, aimed principally at Protestant denominations, for modification of the constitutional provision freedom of religion and legislative and police action to curtail proselytism.

The Ethnos of Athens reported that the Ministry of Cults was especially concerned over the issue because proselytism was being carried on mainly among the poor and needy. The Athens News added that when these converts are 'materially aided by foreigners' they 'lose their national feeling and Greek character'. At present, the government can take no action because the Greek constitution, while recognizing the Orthodox Church as the State Church, provides for freedom of religion.

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ARCHBISHOP DOROTHEOS OBJECTS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE MASON Institute of Greece. The Archbishop transmitted to King Paul his objections, on behalf of the Holy Synod of Greece, to a recently issued royal decree authorizing the creation of the Free Mason Institute. The purpose of the Institute is to establish and direct additional Masonic lodges in Athens and other Greek communities. The Masonic movement has been growing in Greece in recent years, according to Orthodox leaders. They contend that it 'opposes the Church'. In recent months, three Orthodox priest organizations and a laymen's body have formally petitioned the Ministry of the Interior on the grounds that it is 'anti-Hellenic and anti-Christian'.

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ARCHBISHOP DOROTHEOS ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP OF ENOSIS MOVEMENT for reunification of Cyprus with Greece. As head of the Greek Church, the Archbishop accepted the chairmanship, stating: 'Humanity will not permit the harsh trampling of basic human rights to go unpunished'.

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TURKISH GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES 12,000,000 pounds for the repair and rebuilding of Greek Orthodox Churches, cemeteries and other institutions damaged or destroyed in the anti-Greek riots of last September. This action brought forth praise from the Patriarch Athenagoras, who stated it had 'deep moral significance'.

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ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL OF NEW YORK CRITICIZES CHURCH OF ENGLAND in a letter dated May 10th. The letter, written to the Archbishop of Canterbury, stated, in reference to the continued exile of Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, that the 'Church of England by assuming an indifferent and even cold attitude toward this critical situation, evidences that she is not consistently motivated by the purest of Christian ideals....'

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AHEPA URGES CONGRESS TO CHANGE IMMIGRATION LAWS in order to restore 'our country's national and international prestige and position' and also 'so that our immigration law and policy will give understanding and humanitarian assistance to thousands of qualified aliens who properly look to the U.S. as the one clear and shining symbol of hope and leadership for all freedom-loving people'. AHEPA stressed the apparent unfairness of the National Origins Quota System and asked that visas should be granted without regard to national origins, creed, or places of birth.

• The Order of Ahepa, largest fraternal organization in the U.S. of Hellenic descent immigrants, has a special Immigration and Naturalization Committee under the chairmanship of Gregory G. Lagakos, Philadelphia, Penna. attorney. - ED.

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LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM IMPORT DUTY introduced into the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. so that altars, pulpits, communion tables, baptismal fonts, shrines and statuary (except papiermache or plaster of paris) might be admitted free of duty. The measure provides that such articles would have to be 'imported in good faith for the use of or for presentation with charge to' any religious organization.

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LATION PROPOSED TO DECLARE GOOD FRIDAY A LEGAL
 al Holiday was sponsored in Washington D.C. by Reps. Zablocki
 is,) and Granahan (D.-Pa.). They declared that 80 foreign
 ies and territories have so done; including such Protestant
 s as Denmark, Finland, New Zealand and such Eastern
 lox nations as Greece. Fourteen States have also made it
 l holiday.

areful consideration should be given such action to avoid future contro
 s and bitterness between religious factions in a free land. - ED.

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ESTANT CLERGYMEN AVOIDING MILITARY SERVICE was the
 e of Rev. E.O. Midboe, secretary of the National Lutheran Council's
 of service to military personnel. Noting a shortage of some 800
 ins, he also said: there is 'the odious question of special privilege'.
 ating on this point, Mr. Midboe criticized what he called the apparent indifference to
 aplaincy by draft-exempt students at seminaries since 'there is obviously lack of inter-
 the part of a portion of the student body on every seminary campus'. He explained that
 eminarian who knows that the law grants him immunity against this unpleasant exper-
 has thought through carefully the implications of this extraordinary privilege'. 'Far
 en', he added, 'when these men have been given this privilege, they have become in-
 with a spirit of anti-military feeling to the point where some seem to think that it is
 to consider the chaplaincy as a possible call'.
 is interesting to note that in the early church, that military service was frowned upon,
 those who had left the military and once again returned to it, there was a special punish-
 varying in degrees of penance(publicly) up to several years duration. - ED.

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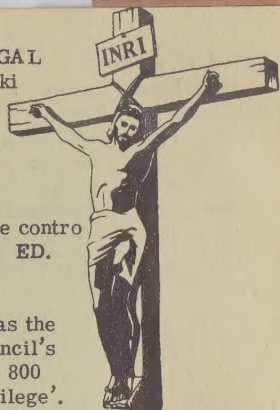
YCIANS TROUBLED BY CHRISTIANS according to Governor Clement of Tennessee.
 t year old governor, a Methodist, said it was 'so amazing' to him 'when churchgoing
 ians daily come to your office and ask you to restore a license to a convicted drunken
 , to add a \$100,000 extra profit to a state contract, or tell you to hire people you don't
 because they worked for you in the election'. The governor said he had often been told
 eligion and politics don't mix. 'If they don't mix, may God have mercy on the people
 e supposed to be serving', he said. 'We need more Christians in politics, and those of
 politics need to feel we have the backing of Christian people who will come to us with
 ructive criticism when they don't agree, but will stand up and fight and help'. 'This is
 y for the Christian to take his citizenship seriously and the citizen to take his Christ-
 seriously. I predict that if we fail in our efforts at world leadership, it will be because
 failure to prove ourselves Christians. The basic, vital political problem of the free
 is a religious problem'.

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CHES SEEK EXCEPTIONS TO CITY REGULATIONS because they believe that the
 d nature of their activities places them 'above all other functions', Dennis O'Harrow
 ive director of the American Society of Planning Officials declared. He said that the
 hes 'have a duty in this world to be good citizens if they plan to take their parishioners
 other world'. He insisted that all churches, when entering education-athletic-social or
 aising fields, must be governed by the same rules that apply to all other groups in the
 y.
 ell said. - ED.

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"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no
 man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." (John 14:6)





IN THE COURTS



COURT RULES ON WORD = CHURCH in a Florida case. Judge Jones stated a 'church' may be duly organized and recognized, but when the word is used in reference to a building, it must not ap-

ply to 'temporary quarters', but for legal action must be a building which is 'primarily' dedicated to religious worship. The Judge amplified by saying that the question is 'not what the word church means in other situations, but what the legislature meant and intended. The suit was over a ruling that liquor establishments may not be located within 2500 feet of an 'established church or school'.

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JUDGE URGES CLERGY TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN MARITAL COUNSELING of Church members, as fewer divorce cases would then come before the courts. Judge W.W. Braham of New Castle, Penna., who has spent 20 years on the bench and heard hundreds of divorce suits and marital problem cases, stated the basic problem in many of the cases could have been 'ironed out' before reaching the court, if it had been 'tactfully handled in the clergyman's study'.

• Good logic. - ED.

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ITALIAN COURT RULES NON-CATHOLIC CLERGY MAY FUNCTION 'IF' he is an Italian citizen. The ruling was handed down against one Rev. C.R. Paden of Brownfield, Texas.

• There is always a way to cut corners, or to hedge a point. What would Italian clergy do in these United States if the law was reciprocal? - ED.

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ETHNARCHY COUNCIL OF CYPRUS WILL APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT OF Judicature in London to revoke the deportation of Archbishop Makarios. The appeal will be argued by Denis Nowell Pritt, president of the International Ass'n of Democratic Lawyers. He is also acting as chief defense counsel for a number of Cypriots facing trial at Nicosia, Cyprus.

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APPELLATE COURT UPHOLDS MELISH in Brooklyn squabble over Trinity Episcopal Church. (The Rev. Wm. H. Melish has been accused by the rival faction as having alleged pro-Leftist leanings.) The Appellate decision stated: 'On the record presented, we are unable to say that it was an improper exercise of discretion to deny the application for a temporary injunction....The propriety of an injunctive order in a matter of this kind may be more satisfactorily reviewed, if necessary, on appeal from the judgement after issues have been joined, a complete record made at a trial where the parties have had the opportunity to adduce all their proof, and, after the trial, justice had made a determination as to the disputed facts, if any, and as to the applicable law.'

• Still pending in Brooklyn Supreme Court is an application for a permanent injunction against Mr. Melish. - ED.

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PRESBYTERY SUE FOR CONTROL OF CHURCH PROPERTY in Dallas, Texas District Court action. Dr. John K. Bowling, pastor, and 53 other officers and members were named defendants. The church property involved is valued at some \$400,000, with 9 acres of land. The 601 member congregation voted 159 to 83 last March 18th to withdraw from the Dallas Presbytery and retain Dr. Bowling as their pastor. His pastoral relationship with the church previously had been severed by a judicial commission of the presbytery which found him guilty of 'defying Presbyterian law and authority'.

• Apparently, the majority is back of Dr. Bowling. In another case in Florida, still under appeal, another Presbytery in St. Petersburg is at odds with the congregation - the Judge has ruled that the membership owned the property, not the presbytery or denomination. - ED.

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Foreign



SPIRITUAL HEALING by religious ministrations considered valuable for various disorders, altho no evidence available to prove medical means cannot accomplish the same end result on all types studied, is the opinion of a committee of British doctors. The committee was appointed by

British Medical Ass'n at the request of the Church of England Commission on Divine Healing. The Anglican group is seeking to determine whether unexplained recoveries from prolonged illnesses are the result of 'suggestion, spontaneous remission or divine intervention'; it is also concerned with cooperation between doctors and clergy. The medical committee found that often, when cures were claimed for spiritual healing were investigated, the patient was, at the same time, continuing treatment prescribed by doctors. The committee felt that many cures were effected by suggestion; adding that when such suggestion had a religious background, it was more effective. The physicians stated that doctors and clergymen can usefully cooperate, and should. (Roman Catholic doctors failed to cooperate in the committee's work, altho invited to do so)

A clergyman often knows facts about individuals, which, tho confidential, still are of prime value in aiding a balancing of a person's emotional and mental nature - often the key to medical healing on the outer plane. In addition, it is apparent that the Grace of God, invoked thru prayer, accomplishes miracles in restoration of energy and hope. It would appear, that clergymen might be of greater benefit to medical science if used thru consultation on behavior and character of the person involved and thereafter limited to ministerial services. - ED.

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BRITISH ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP FAVORS GAMBLING 'WITHIN REASON'. Archbishop William Godfrey of Liverpool, England, said in a sermon that 'to be opposed to gambling or wagering in any shape or form, as though it were in itself an evil thing, or that its effects are always harmful, is quite contrary to the teaching of our Catholic theologians'.

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RUSSIANS COMPLETE FILM ON VISIT OF U.S. DELEGATION OF CHURCHMEN. The film, entitled 'The Remarkable Meeting' was commissioned by Patriarch Alexei of Moscow, head of the Russian Orthodox Church.

It is hoped that the film will be used for constructive purposes. - ED.

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REV. JAMES VIRVOS CONSECRATED AS NEW GREEK BISHOP OF APAMIA at Sophia Cathedral, Bayswater, London, England. This was the first consecration of its kind ever held in a Greek Cathedral here. It was attended by representatives of all Orthodox Churches in Western Europe. Following the service, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Anglican) spoke at a luncheon and told of the close and everlasting relationship between the Orthodox and Anglican Churches. He said: 'It is very moving that at this unfortunate stage in Anglo-Greek relations that members of the Anglican Church should have been invited to such a function. I firmly believe that, united in God, we must work for a reconciliation between our two countries whatever political tensions may exist'.

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REMAINS OF EARLY CHRISTIAN MARTYRS FOUND ON GREEK ISLAND OF MILOS. The tombs were discovered in catacombs on the Aegean Island and the discovery reported to the Holy Synod of the Greek Church in Athens by Metropolitan Philaretos of Syra. He said the tombs date from the first century. Shortly after their discovery, a memorial service was held at the site. The Holy Synod named a special committee to conduct a study of the catacombs.

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341 YEAR - OLD RUSSIAN ORTHODOX SEMINARY is in its ninth year of opeartion since the Bolshevik Revolution. This Seminary of Kiev, founded in 1615 as the first in Russia and regarded as the propagator of seminaries elsewhere in the country, now has 72 seminarians and 14 instructors. It was reopened in 1947 along with seven others. Only in Minsk was the old monastery seminary allowed to remain open thruout the subsequent years after 1917. Seminarians are accepted from all walks of life today, regardless of their background.

It has also been reported that the Council of Religious Cults in Moscow has made it known that the government would not object to the establishment of a Jewish Theological Seminary, if the Jewish Community wanted it - the official, Vladimir Gostev, stated it had never been requested and all that is required is an application for it.

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FRENCH ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY PREPARING TO FIGHT PLANNED parent-hood movement, which is developing strength both in and out of French Parliament. Doctors have appealed for a national eugen ics policy, on the basis of a report made to the Academy of Sciences that over a half millions abortions occur annually in France and that in Pairs abortions exceed births by about 100,000 per year. The doctors feel that legalized birth - control is better than the continued health and moral problem from abortions. The French Roman Catholic hierarchy is apparently is direct disagreement with the doctors.

• T'was ever thus. - ED.

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MARRIED ROMAN PRIEST DIRECTS 'THE OPEN DOOR' IN AMSTERDAM. The 'Open Door' is a store-like place, where the windows sell the Catholic Faith. A priest is present in each of these 'stores' to wait on customers. Eight such 'stores' are in operation thruout Holland, under the direction of Rev. Rudolf Goethe, a married former Protestant pastor, who was ordained a priest in 1951 by special authorization of Pope Pius XII.

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AUSTRALIA CHURCH ACTIONS TOWARDS UNITY AND CHRISTIAN ACTION are shown in the fact that 70% of all state aseembles, presbyteries and local church sessions of the Presbyterian Church of Australia have approved resumption of negotiations with Methodists and Congregationalists. The Methodist Church in Australia has 977,933 members; the Presbyterian 869,242; and the Congregationalists 69,452. Such a union would be not only an example of better understanding, but a true reflection of Christ in the Church.

Of further interest, it is noted that Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Dr. E.H.Burgman (Anglican) has suggested in a diocese letter that Australian Anglicans look to the U.S. and Canada for some of their future bishops. In reference to Americans, the Bishop said: 'They have a freshness and freedom about them that would appeal to Australians generally and it would emphasize the catholicity of the Anglican Communion. They might also show us the way out of our chronic financial doldrums'.

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ITALIANS CONVERT TO JUDAISM - It has been reported that a group of some seventy Italians from San Nicandro have been located in Israel during the past six years; they live and work as farmers, near Alma, Israel and follow the Judaic practices scrupulously.

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ZANTE ISLAND OFFSHORE FROM THE PELOPONNESUS PENINSULA may soon become revitalized as the world's oldest recorded oil field. A young American, president of an oil company is busy developing the field. The Archbishop of Zante is cooperating with the effort, as it would employment for most of his people.

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FRP JAMES COUCOUZES OF MELITA ELEVATED TO METROPOLITAN by the
Arch Athenagoras. The elevation was done to express the Patriarch's 'deep interest'
in the World Council of Churches, at which the new Metropolitan has been serving as a
official representative of the Patriarch.

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THE HOLY SYNOD NAMES SIX METROPOLITANS to fill vacancies. The new appoint-
ments are: Metropolitan Demetrios of Vellas and Konitsa as Metropolitan of Ioannina; Metro-
politan Demetrios of Gytheion as Metropolitan of Larissa; Titular Bishop Christopher of
Anapoulos as Metropolitan of Vellas and Konitsa; Archimandrite Philemon of Larissa
Metropolitan of Gytheion; Archimandrite Constantine, chancellor of Serrai, as Metropol-
itan of Mythimne on Mytilene Island; Archimandrite Meletios, head of the Orthodox semin-
ary on Patmos Island, as Metropolitan of Kythira.

The three archimandrites were consecrated bishops as ceremonies in Athens Cathedral.
Metropolitan Damaskinos consecrated Archimandrite and placed upon him the same omophor-
(bishops stole) which had been fabricated in Dachau prison camp for a secret Easter Lit-
urgy at which Archbishop Sebastian of Prague had officiated in 1943. The bread and wine for
the liturgy had been smuggled in as 'medicine', by Bishop Meletios, at that time vicar of
the Greek Orthodox Church in Munich. He later had been arrested and imprisoned by the
Nazians. Both Meletios and Damaskinos had thus been fellow prisoners at Dachau.

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH TO TRANSLATE BIBLE INTO MODERN
Armenian, working directly from the ancient and original Armenian texts. This was dis-
cussed by Patriarch Mampre of N.Y., Primate of the Church's North American Province.
and the action was taken in view of the fact that 1966 will mark the 300th anniversary
of the publication (at Amsterdam) of the first printed version of the Bible in Armenian.
Archbishop Karekin of Istanbul has been put in charge of the project and has been authorized
to form a committee of five of the Church's Bible scholars to complete the task.
Patriarch Mampre also announced that the Church will send representatives to the
World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland in regard to possible participation in
activities.

In addition, Acting Patriarch Yegishe of Jerusalem was appointed to draw up plans for
a meeting at Jerusalem, before 1960, of a conference with leaders of the Egyptian and Ethiopian
Orthodox and Syrian Orthodox Churches.

A true and certain evidence of the Ecumenical Spirit, as well as willingness to modern-
ize language problems. - ED.

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BIBLE CONFERENCE HELD FOR THE DEAF in
Toronto, Canada, at which 400 persons were in attend-
ance. It was the 56th Bible Conference of the Evangelical
Church of the Deaf.

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BRITISH BIBLE SOCIETY REPORTS difficulty in
keeping pace in supplying the annual world population
increase of some 25,000,000; the Society having circ-
ulated a record 7,830,000 Bibles and portions in 1955.

Bible Society also reported that plans are under way to print a new edition of the Bible
for Russia for the Protestant churches there, the Russian embassy having already accepted
plates for shipment to Moscow for that purpose.

The Russian Orthodox Bible has also just been released with an index of parallel pass-
ages in its various books. Unlike the old synodal Bible of 1918, this edition is printed with
new spelling. The New Testament and Psalms have also been released with special mark-
ings to indicate the parts for daily services.

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Third Annual Conference OF G.O.Y.A. of

Jersey City, N.J. was held May 25, 26, 27 at the Hotel Plaza.

Thirty-four chapters from New York and New Jersey participated.

The Chairman, James Demos of 203 Academy Street Jersey City, N.J., handled the coordination of the affair. This Annual Conference is the climax of all

G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) activities, blending two important functions: i. The business phase - at which vital issues for future policy are discussed, with special emphasis on religion, music, finance and group organization. ii. The social phase - highlighted by the famous G.O.Y.A. Chorale and the Grand Ball, at which George Stratis & Orchestra held sway.

• Such Conferences are the only sure way to cement Fellowship and coordination between all phases of Youth Activity. - ED.

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1,200 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 40 COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL Ecumenical Work Camp Program as sponsored by the World Council of Churches. About 140 young Americans will give up their summer vacations to dig ditches, paint houses, and lay bricks in goodwill projects overseas. Another 90 will work on six projects in the U.S. The youths will receive no remuneration and must pay for their transportation abroad and for lodging in the camps. Projects this year include construction of a youth center for a Coptic Church in Cairo; rebuilding of an earthquake-damaged school in the Greek village of Volos; erection of a youth camp near Stockholm and the building of a medical clinic in Indonesia.

• Truly a remarkable demonstration of the willing goodness of American Youth. - ED.

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YOUTH GIVE NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHAPEL TO SCHOOL - the graduating class of Central High in Okla. City, Okla. are donating work, money and necessary equipment to convert an unused storage hall in the School into a chapel, which will accommodate 30 persons. The class felt that there was nothing else that would better show the traditional purpose of a class gift than: 'to make the school better by our having been here'. The Chapel will be used by future students in which to meditate, hold group prayer and conduct devotional Bible reading and hymn singing.

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VIOLENCE MARKS EASTER WEEK IN CHICAGO AND N.Y. ORTHODOX CHURCHES In N.Y.C., Torduchi Sava shot and killed one person and wounded five others, narrowly missing Princess Ileana at Saturday Night Services, (before Easter) at Romanian Orthodox St. Dimitru Orthodox Church at 50 W. 89th Street. The unemployed Romanian porter apparently committed the act out of vengeance for alleged acts done to him by the congregation in ejecting him from the Church on a previous occasion. The killer is being held for trial.

In another action in Chicago, the Rev. Michael M. Lanoske, 50, pastor of Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church, Moscow Patriarchal jurisdiction, allegedly took his own life after having first shot Mrs. Ann Marchezak. Rev. Lanoske was married and the father of four children.

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VETERAN EDITOR STATES CHURCH NEWS IS PARAMOUNT in the list of human affairs which should be faithfully reported to the public thru daily newspapers. Oxie Reich of the Yonkers, N.Y. Herald Statesman told the National Religious Publicity Council that newspapers should display 'the nerve to throw out the interminable columns of dull bullet matter from scores of churches, and replace these deadly soporifics with lively news stories.

• It is agreed that true life stories are of more interest than Calendar listings. - ED.

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ASTER in the Orthodox Church this year was celebrated on May 6th. About once, every four to five years, the Western and Eastern observance of Easter occurs on the same date; for instance in 1957, both will observe the same Sunday - April 21st. History and tradition underlie the reason for the difference.

In accordance with the decision of the First Ecumenical Council, the Orthodox Church fixes the date of Easter as the Sunday after the full moon following the Vernal Equinox, and always after the Hebrew Passover, in accordance with the Seventh Apostolic Canon. In 1956, the Vernal Equinox fell on March 21st - the first full moon was the 26th of March - the Hebrew Passover began on the 27th of March and ended on the 3rd of April. Western Easter, of course, was remembered this year on April 1st. According to logic, one might assume that Orthodox Easter would be April 8th; but, back in 1335 A.D. Matthew Vlaskovitz edited the code of the Canons, interpreting them in keeping with the tradition of the Church. This ecclesiastic felt that since the Sunday did not fall on the established tradition of the first Sunday after the full moon, that the entire Calendar should be moved en masse forward to the second full moon after the Vernal Equinox. The next full moon this year came on April 25th, which would mean that Easter should have fallen on April 29th. This is an ancient ecclesiastic, perhaps to add more more confusion, felt that since the first Sunday after the full moon couldn't be used in the first instance, that we should just be arbitrary and drop the whole month and come up with a usage whereby Easter would be observed on the first Sunday of the following month - hence this year we arrive at a date of May 6th.

It might be said that to a sound scientific and historical, accurate, traditional mind that this concept appears to be somewhat of an obtuse interpretation of the 'meaning' of what the Church Fathers meant - in most cases of law, the meaning of the law is the vital factor, rather than the literal outer appearance. In developing a sound American concept of the many facets of Orthodox Tradition, this principle should be kept well in mind, lest the law destroy the spirit. - ED.

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Orthodox Easter Services were held throughout the world on May 6th - and here in the United States it was commemorated with great and festive ceremonies in all Orthodox Communities.

Commencing with the liturgical splendor that dates back to early Christendom, multitudes of worshippers assembled at their respective churches at midnight of Saturday, May 5th, for the Resurrection Service, in which Light is brought into the world, the symbolic lighting of candles by all worshippers from the candle held by the officiating clergyman. The words 'Christ is Risen' being cried aloud - all responding 'He is indeed' With this Service, the early morning services commence - all the Church ablaze - and the Divine Liturgy culminates the long nights remembrance of that night nearly 2000 years ago when Christ was found Risen from the grave.

Florida's St. Nicholas Church, Tarpon Spring, the chief celebrant was His Grace, Bishop Germanos. Bishop Germanos has his Cathedral in Charleston, S.C., but is a frequent visitor to Tarpon Springs and has officiated at many Epiphany Day services.

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CEOYLA MEETS MAY 19,20 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA under the chairmanship of John Trutza, who is also American-Romanian Inter-Orthodox Youth Chairman. He was elected to chairmanship last November. The CEOYLA (Council of Eastern Orthodox Youth Leaders of America) was fully reported upon in the January issue of this publication. It is an organization, which has a great opportunity to adjust the various differences existing between Orthodox groups in America, because of nationalistic reasons.

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL EASTER CONCERT OF THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN Fellowship of Columbia University, N.Y.C. was held at St. Paul's Chapel on Sunday, May 20th, 8:00 P.M. Choirs from the Albanian, Greek, Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian Churches participated.

• More of these Orthodox Fellowships should be organized at Universities thruout the U.S. to build better cooperation among the National Churches and also to interest American Youth in the ancient music of Orthodoxy. - ED.

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ROMAN PRIEST PREDICTS IMMINENT UNION OF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX & ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES Rev. Fr. F. Wilcock, S.J., speaking at a gathering in Washington D.C. stated that the only 'minor theological differences' exist in dogma and that these could be readily settled. The Jesuit priest is director of the Russian Center at Fordham University, N.Y. He amplified his remarks by saying that American Catholics should understand that the Russian Orthodox churches have apostolic succession in their hierarchy and 'valid sacraments' derived from the Byzantine Rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

• A customary diatribe so common with Jesuitical reasoning. More people should read Pascal's 'Pensees' to become familiar with such methods. - ED.

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ARCHBISHOP ADAM PHILLIPOVSKY DIES at age of 75. Up to his retirement two years ago, the Archbishop had been head of the Philadelphia Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church. His death occurred in Philadelphia. He had been born in Ruda, Galicia and was ordained in 1912. A sister, Mrs. Ksenia Lialko of Philadelphia, survives him.

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RUSSIAN DELEGATION OF BAPTIST CHURCH ARRIVED MAY 18th IN N.Y. for a month's visit as guests of the Baptist World Alliance. The Russian group, composed of four officials of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians and a representative of Russian Baptist youth, will visit American Baptist centers and institutions as well as the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City, Mo. and the American Baptist Convention in Seattle, Wash.

• Eight leaders of Russian Protestant and Orthodox Churches will arrive June 2nd in N.Y. for a ten day visit. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. will be host to the Russians. The delegation will tour eastern cities and continue the talks begun with them in Moscow last month, when the American group visited them. The Russians will be led by Metropolitan Nicolai of Moscow. Evangelical, Baptist, Lutheran and Armenian representation will be also among those in the delegation of eight. The group will return to Moscow on June 13th. - ED.

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THE CROSS OF ST. JOANIKIE PRESENTED TO PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BISHOP by Bishop Dionisjic, head of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S. and Canada. The recipients, the Rt. Rev. H.W.B. Donegan and the Rt. Rev. C.F. Boynton, both of N.Y., were tendered the award because of material assistance rendered to both Serbian children and the Serbian Community of N.Y.C. itself.

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YORK RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CLOSED AS FIRE HAZARD. It was re-
ported locally that St. Marks Orthodox Catholic Alliance, pastored by the Rt. Rev. Boris
urden, who stated his superior is the Patriarch of Moscow, is being forced to close
ancient edifice it has occupied for the last seven years. The Fire Commissioner said
only one person attended Easter Eve Services this year, altho he added that six per-
cent use the second floor for soliciting funds by telephone and mail. The Fire Inspector
said he had signed the order to vacate, mainly because of these six solicitors operating
fund solicitation program 'which seems to be unrelated immediately to anything in the
line of worship'.

That is one way to 'skin a cat', as the saying goes. - ED.

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PROFESSOR ILEANA OF ROMANIA DECLARES A COMMUNIST BISHOP IS IN U.S.A.
propagandize Romanian-Americans to return to their Communist-ruled homeland. She
informed the Senate Internal Security sub-committee that 15 of her countrymen left last
week from Detroit for Romania and that 19 are expected to leave next week. She stated
this was directly due to the efforts of a 'Bishop Moldovan' - the man referred to apparently
Bishop Andrei Moldovan.

As stated in these pages, in the April issue, a similar occurrence had come light to in-
terference to the so-called 'Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia', whatever that may
be that they had been sheltering an 'exile' clergyman, who later turned out to be a sort of
half-column worker. His name was Mstislav Volontsevich. After returning to Russia with
names of many legitimate emigres, he was consecrated a Bishop by the Moscow Church
in sort of reward. The Senate Internal Security sub-committee should investigate all such
'exile' or 'exile' clergy as to their true loyalty. As the proverb goes: 'A stitch in time
saves nine' - ED.

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NEW ORTHODOX BIBLE TRANSLATION reported on last month in these pages has
received requests for the names of those engaged in the work - they are: Archbishop
Nikolai, head of the project and translator of one of the Gospels; Bishops Athenagoras
and Ezekiel; Dr. Georges Florovsky, former dean of St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Seminary
of N.Y.C.

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62 YEAR OLD BISHOP MARRIES 62 - YEAR OLD MISSIONARY. Bishop J.M.Springer
of the Methodist Church is taking his new bride, Helen Everett, to his home in the Belgian
congo, where they will live permanently.

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PLAIN VACANCIES EXISTING IN LARGE NUMBERS IN RESERVES & IN GUARD.
Reserve vacancies and 300 National Guard vacancies exist, which need applicants to
fill them. In case of war or National Emergency, a deficit of some 2,000 chaplains would
be found.

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL SCENE OF HUGE MASONIC GATHERING.
In N.Y. City, St. John's Cathedral was the scene of the 175th Anniversary of the founding of
the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of N.Y. Over 6000 Masons and guests filled the
cathedral Church, as Archbishop W.L. Wright, of the Anglican Church of Canada, spoke.
He stressed the point that the Church should always come first, and Masonry second. He
said: 'better Church members make better Masons - Masonry stands for the values that
are supreme in the life of the Church and a true Mason should be a better Church member
because of his Masonry'.

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RADIO NEWS

\$13,000 RAISED IN ONE HOUR by the Second Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga. Three Hundred and fifty members phoned every listed person in the city to ask them to tune in to a telethon broadcast. Two TV Stations and four Radio Stations conducted the program. Five Choirs and various Church leaders were featured on the program. The money is to be used in re-building a burned-down Church.

CANADA'S FIRST CHURCH-OWNED RADIO & TV STUDIO OPENED in the basement of the old Berkeley Street United Church, at a cost of only \$25,000. The financing was done by the United Church of Canada, which plans to spend \$35,000 on TV and \$20,000 on Radio for 1956.

\$1,751,400 TO BE SPENT IN 1956 by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. In 1955, the Commission presented seven weekly TV series and seven series of weekly national Radio programs, plus Easter and Thanksgiving shows. It also produced five 16mm motion pictures and seven film strips. A total of 3,284,000 sermon booklets and other religious material were distributed.

ELIMINATION OF PAID RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS opposed by the National Ass'n of Evangelicals in protest to a recent declaration by the National Council of Churches of Christ. Charging that the National Council and its agencies 'do not speak for all the Christians of America, more than 20,000,000 of whom are in various Protestant bodies not affiliated with it', the resolution asserted that 'American religious bodies must continue to have the privilege of purchasing radio and TV time for religious programs'.

'THE BAPTIST HOUR' CELEBRATING ITS 15th ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO broadcasting. The program, sponsored by the denomination's Radio-TV Commission, is broadcast over 381 stations in 32 States, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. In keeping with the anniversary, Gov. A.B. 'Happy' Chandler of Kentucky proclaimed May 21-27 as 'Baptist Hour Week' in Kentucky.

RADIO AWARDS GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION by Radio and TV, sponsored by Ohio State University. First award for Radio Network Broadcasting was given to 'Pilgrimage', which is a dramatization of the lives of Old Testament characters. It was cited for its 'high religious and educational value' and for handling 'a difficult job effectively and skillfully'. In the regional network category, first award went to 'The Sacred Note', a program of the University of Chicago. It was cited for providing 'a definite mood of religious dignity'.

The importance of such Radio and TV work can not be underestimated. It has been reported by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission that people spend more time watching TV than any other pursuit, except sleeping and working. This being the case, it is incumbent on all Churches, whether National or local, to envision the day when they must initiate the use of Radio for their own uses. To obtain facts regarding how the individual Church may accomplish this, write to **SOUTH SHORE BROADCASTING CORPORATION.**

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